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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of : Ralf BOSS and Johannes SORG  
Serial no. :  
For : VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH INDIVIDUAL  
Docket : ELECTRIC WHEEL DRIVE TRAINS  
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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**In the Drawings:**

Please amend Figs. 1-3 of the drawings presently on file per the attached Submission.

**Also enclosed are new formal drawings including the requested amendments.**

**In the Specification:**

Please add paragraphs 002, 003, 005, 011, 017, 019 and 020, delete paragraph 010 and amend paragraph 018 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-7, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 8-14 as follows.

[002] This application is a national stage completion of PCT/EP2003/011279 filed October 11, 2003 which claims priority from German Application Serial No. 102 48 173.3 filed October 16, 2002.

[003] FIELD OF THE INVENTION

[005] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[011] SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[017] BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[018] The invention is explained in detail will now be described, by way of example, with reference to the enclosed Figures accompanying drawings in which:

[019] Figs. 1-3 diagrammatically show different embodiments of drive axles having individual, electric wheel, drive trains.

[020] DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION